

3 August 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Assistant Director, Research and Reports
FROM: Acting Chief, Geographic Research
SUBJECT: GRA Activity Report for the Month of July 1960

A. Major Research and Technical Support Activity

1. The Geography Division completed and disseminated eight Geographic Support Projects. GP 60-81:L, The Katanga, was done on a high-priority, short-deadline basis as a component of a briefing being prepared for Democratic Presidential Nominee Kennedy at Hyannis Port on 23 July and for the National Security Council meeting on 25 July; it consisted of a two-page report on the viability of the former Belgian Congo and of its mineral producing areas. Two of the other GP reports were done in support of the GM Task Force, and one was a contribution to the OCI Daily.

2. The Cartography Division accepted requests for 133 maps and charts and completed 129. Although requests were slightly less than the previous month, over-all demands upon the Division continued at a high average rate and did not reflect the anticipated summer decline due to vacations. D/GC is currently on schedule for FY 1961 commitments for the NIS program. Five maps on the Far East Area were prepared for two separate National Estimates; four maps accompanied SNIE 43-60 on the East China Area, and one map on Communist China: Railroads was done for NIE 13-60.

3. Production of maps on Africa assumed major importance during the month. High-priority support was given to Department of State requests for a new administrative map of Africa, a general reference map of the new Republic of the Congo, and an ethnic groups map on the Congo. In addition, a map of South Africa and one on the Horn of Africa were produced for the Office of National Estimates. A number of Africa country maps being prepared for OCI Handbooks were processed through reproduction to fill urgent requests from the Map Library for up-to-date maps on Africa.

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4. An experimental printing of the first all-color terrain map was published and is available through the Map Library Division (Map #29053). This map on Cuba represents the Cartography Division's efforts to improve graphic representation of the earth's surface, as well as the technical quality of maps having this type intelligence information.

5. The Map Library Division forwarded 29,071 items to requesters in response to 1,779 requests for maps, related geographic publications, and reference information. Requests for maps on the Belgian Congo and for Africa as a whole were particularly heavy during the month. Significant items procured during the month included: Part 2 of the two-part "Moscow Telephone Directory", 1960, and a new Haack wall map of China.

B. Planning and Development 25X1A9a25X1A9a

1. Discussions with [REDACTED] head of the Africa Unit in [REDACTED] D/GG,

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[REDACTED] have resulted in a request for geographic support on Ethiopia which may be followed by requests for support on other non-Bloc areas. The following outline will guide D/GG in its analysis: Current economic and political developments; physical geography and strategic significance of the country; social and cultural groups in the population; major commodities and trade patterns; and weaknesses in the economy.

2. The Geography Division assisted in the preparation of a reply by the Assistant to the DD/I (Planning) to Chief, [REDACTED] concerning a Department of the Army request for regional studies to be prepared in support of unconventional warfare planning. The request, a very broad and generalized one, had been directed to DD/P and thence referred to DD/I for comment. 25X1A8a

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3. DD/P is to transmit a new memorandum of request following Chief, D/GG's conversation with [REDACTED] WH, to reaffirm the operational need for further WH studies, a list of countries to follow Paraguay, and the order of priority.

4. The NIS Chapter IX Coordinator prepared a draft report of the Subcommittee recommendations for the revision of the Chapter IX format. The Subcommittee members will comment on the draft report by 15 August, prior to its submission to the NIS Committee for consideration.

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5. A letter was received from the Director of the Institute of Geology, Geophysics, and Geography, of the Rumanian Academy, accepting the proposal of a map exchange with the Department of State, through the office of the Coordinator for Maps. This is the first such exchange with a Rumanian agency.

6. A back-up paper was prepared by GG/X for CSS on possible Soviet plans to place submerged instruments in the Gulf Stream for long periods as part of a scheme to establish recoverable positions for missile-launching operations. The initial paper prepared by OCI did not utilize this contribution, but the drafts are now being studied by the Navy and a decision is to be made on whether a separate article is to be prepared for the OCI Weekly.

25X1A5a1 7. [REDACTED] delivered preliminary sketches of 11 of the 17 special purpose maps which they are preparing under contract for the Cartography Division. Sketches of the other 6 will be prepared by [REDACTED] upon receipt of additional instructions from D/GC, which will be worked out in conference with the Office of Communications.

25X1A5a1 8. Planning for the exploitation of [REDACTED] materials on West China continued, in anticipation of the forthcoming visit of [REDACTED] early in September. 25X1A9a

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10. A concerted effort is being made by the Procurement Branch, D/GL, to build up stocks of maps on Africa, particularly the Congo, for the Reference Collection. 25X1A9a

11. The major effort of the Special Collection Support Branch, D/GL, went into continued support for [REDACTED] TDY in Europe. Other activities included the completion of preliminary drafts of target lists for the European Satellites, primarily for DD/P use; the preparation of support papers of various types, in connection with coordination and planning with DD/P components; the compilation of biographic data for Biographic Register files; publication of West European Mapping organization

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reports; and conference exploitation through [REDACTED] OCR/LCD and [REDACTED] Requirements were submitted to [REDACTED] and OCR/LCD for assessments for U.S. participants in the International Soil Congress, which will be held in Madison, Wisconsin, in August. Appropriate individuals will be selected for briefing on map intelligence elicitation requirements, directed toward Bloc attendees.

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13. During August, [REDACTED] will attend the International Geographical Union meetings in Stockholm, and will consult there with [REDACTED] who has already arrived in Stockholm to direct the setting up of the United States Exhibit prior to the Congress.

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C. Significant Outside Contacts and Activities

1. Chief, Cartography Division, as Chairman of the Foreign Names Committee and Agency representative on the Board of Geographic Names, spent five days during the month attending joint consultation meetings of the British Permanent Committee on Geographic Names and the American BGN in Washington. A very thorough review was made of world-wide transliteration and transcription systems. The results of the Conference were highly successful and mutually beneficial.

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3. [REDACTED] CG/X, met with the [REDACTED] to discuss ways and means for supporting [REDACTED] officials who wish to build a case for [REDACTED] restrictions on gravimeter exports to the Sino-Soviet Bloc. It was agreed that we would provide copies of CIA/RR GP 60-72:L, The Strategic Significance of the Gravity Meter, dated 27 June 1960, together with a back-up paper (CIA/RR GP 60-72:L, Part II, Soviet Strategic Interest in Gravity Data and Gravimeters) to supply more detailed intelligence. Copies of the Part II paper will also be supplied to Trade Controls Branch of D/S/RR for additional advice to the Bureau of Foreign Commerce.

4. A meeting of the NIS Chapter IX Subcommittee was held on 14 July to establish the Chapter IX schedule for FY 1962, review the forecast for FY 1963, and outline a forecast for FY 1964. The schedules and forecasts have been forwarded to the NIS Committee for approval.

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5. [REDACTED] D/GG, participated in a series of meetings intended to clarify and solidify the ORR position concerning proposed changes in the services to be provided by FDD and JPRS.

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6. [REDACTED] has reviewed the suggested list for the distribution of the forthcoming Atlas of Soviet Administrative Maps and supplied the USSR Branch, D/GG, with suggestions for minor changes to meet the requirements of [REDACTED]

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7. Two members of the Near East/Africa Branch, D/GG, met with the CIA Librarian and Mr. Conrad C. Reining, newly appointed head of the new African Section, Library of Congress.

8. Mr. Henry Dunlap, USIA Program Coordinator for Africa, was interviewed by GG/N on USIA plans for Africa.

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9. [REDACTED] Map Library Division, met with [REDACTED] to discuss the coordination of information on mapping in Communist China.

10. Briefings by the Special Collection Support Branch, D/CL, included those of a newly assigned EE/H Case Officer for map requirements, who was briefed on Hungarian topographic maps, requirements and collection support functions provided by the Branch; and of [REDACTED] Scientific Branch, who has been assigned to the [REDACTED] Office. The latter was briefed on Map Library collection programs and requirements relating to [REDACTED] operations.

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11. Personnel from OCR and the Records Center were briefed by the Reference Branch, D/GL, on holdings and arrangements of the ORR Vital Records Map Library. The briefing included the illustration of the use of various types of material filed at the Center.

D. Miscellaneous

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1. Chiefs, GRA, D/GG, and D/GL, and [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] of D/GG departed during the month to attend meetings of the International Geographical Union (IGU) to be held in Stockholm, Sweden, from 6-13 August 1960. [REDACTED] are members

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[REDACTED] is also [REDACTED] In addition to the above fully sponsored personnel, several other GRA personnel will attend the IGU meetings on duty status while in Europe on private foreign travel.

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2. [REDACTED] GG/X, are attending the 12th General Assembly of the International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics (IUGG) in Helsinki from 23 July to 6 August 1960.

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3. [REDACTED] GG/N, returned from a seven-week Area Familiarization Trip to Iran, Turkey, Lebanon, and Jordan.

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4. [REDACTED] left on 29 July for a two-week period to assist DD/P in a special training operation at an [REDACTED]

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5. The following organizational changes occurred in the Cartography Division during the month: With the abolishing of the Cartographic Lab Section, [REDACTED] has been designated Assistant for Cartographic Research and transferred to the Office of the Chief, GC/C. [REDACTED] Cartographer, has been transferred from the Cartographic Lab Section to the Drafting Section, GC/C, and [REDACTED] has been designated Supervisor, Composing Section, GC/C.

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